

Town Board,

I find the opening statement of your exit poll very disturbing.

1. Why was there no discussion about this proposal with the Fire Co. prior to this so called exit poll?
 2. Your research is flawed because you are not comparing apples to apples. Our district in area, is as big as East Concord and Mortons Corners put together so in that regard we are underfunded in our contract for the area we cover.
 3. Negotiations were started behind closed doors until you determined it should be made public in the local papers with only one side of the story being told. There should have been open discussions on the town's proposal with input from all interested parties.
 4. The CHAFFEE-SARDINIA VOLUNTEER COMPANY does not have the manpower, nor the time to oversee and run a banquet hall. The Fire Co. is busy answering calls, training, maintaining equipment and halls, and meeting the state mandated requirements. This was another reason why there was a need to discuss this proposal with the Fire Co. before the so called exit poll.
 5. There should have been discussions about location of a proposed new fire hall with the Fire Co. The location of the proposed new fire hall is very important in regards to manpower, location to density of population and frequency of call locations. In fact, we are told that it is possible that some homeowners could be in jeopardy of losing their homeowners insurance because of location.
 6. The Town Board has demeaned the Chaffee-Sardinia Fire Co. volunteers since this current Town Board took office and it is very disturbing to many as to why this Town Board has attacked the Fire company for the last two years as follows:
 - 1- Will not help pay for the fireworks that everyone in town enjoys and gets benefits from.
 - 2- Attack on the LOSAP program, changed to a different plan. The original program was implemented to help for recruiting new members and retaining current members and it was working. The reason given by the town board was that the previous LOSAP program would put the Town broke and landowners would lose their property. As the town board well knows, property owners do not pay for the LOSAP program with their taxes, it is paid with town revenues that has almost \$4,000,000.00 available. The original plan did not cost anywhere near what the Town Board predicted.
 - 3- Not much cooperation with town board approving new members, it takes months.
 - 4- Open letters to town residents from supervisor, paid by the taxpayer's money, demeaning the Fire Co. Board of Directors and their operation of Fire Co. No town board member has ever inquired about the operation of the Fire Co.
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